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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SC/ST COOPERATIVES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Financial assistance is being granted to the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Cooperatives in every State under Central Sector Scheme during each of the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise ;and

(c) the work done by these co-operatives in each State during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a), (b) & (c) In order to strengthen the cooperative credit institution for meeting the credit requirement of the farmers, central assistance is released to the State Government, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz. Special Scheme for SCs/STs by the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation). The Scheme aims at making SCs/STs active members of credit Coperatives and at strengthening their cooperatives to enable them to undertake activities for the welfare of SCs/STs Under this scheme, assistance is provided in the form of 50% grant and 50% loan. Before modification of the scheme on 1999-2000 the assistance was provided 35% as loan and 65% as grant. The Scheme has following three components:-

(i) Provision of Grant to SCs/STs for acquisition of shares in Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS)/Primary land Development Banks (PLDB)/Large sized Agriculture Multy Purpose Societies (AMPS)/Farmers Service Cooperative Societies (FSS).

(ii) Assitance in form of Loan for strengthening the share capital base of Primary Agriculture Credit Societies/Primary Land Development Banks/Large size Agriculture Multi Purpose Societies/Farmers Service Cooprative Societies.

(iii) Managerial assistance of Rs. 20,000.

This scheme has since been sub-sumed in Macro Management Mode from 2000-2001. It is upto the state government to include or not to include this scheme in their State Work plan.

Assistance released under this scheme during the last three years is given as under:-

		1998-99			1999-2000			2000-2001		
Sl.No.	Name of State	Grant	Loan	Total	Grant	Loan	Total	Grant	Loan	Total
1.	Tripura				9.60		9.60			
2.	Punjab									
3.	Madhya Pradesh				13.13		13.13			
4.	Rajasthan	6.81	6.90	13.71		11.00	10.00	21.00		
5.	Tamilnadu				10.00		10.00			
6.	Kerala				2.00		2.00			
7	Uttar Pradesh				21.09		21.09			

8. Karnataka 3.10 13.10 16.20 4.61 20.45 25.06

9. Mizoram 17.28 6.17 23.45
10. Assam 0.57 0.57
11. Meghalaya 0.32 0.25 0.57
12. Nagaland 7.62 7.62
Total 41.00 22.00 63.00+ 40.00 40.00 80.00 $ 11.00 10.00 21.00 @

+ 3637 PACs covered
$ 135 PACs covered
@ 140 PACs covered

The information relating to the work done by these cooperatives in each State, year-wise is being maintained at State-level.